Borbayan—1999-2000, (7) Ghana Kanta Bora- 2001 (8) Jatin Goswami- 2004 and (9) Gunakanta Dutta Borbayan- 2007.

(c) Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, has launched a project "Support to Sattiriya Dance and Allied Traditions" in the year 2000. The project envisages revival of the age old traditions of Sattiriya and its allied traditions through training programmes, research, documentation, publication and performance opportunities to Sattriya artistes. Under the project, an annual festival of Sattriya dance is held in the month of November, since 2004. The Sattriya artistes are also sponsored in festivals/ programmes held outside Assam from time to time.

Self regulating organisations

2362. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The details of steps initiated, if any, to take forward the idea of Self Regulating Organisations (SROs) for different participants in the Indian capital market as has been envisaged in the announcements made in his Budget 2007-08 speech;

(b) if not, the reasons for not implementing the same so far; and

(c) the salient feature of the SROs are expected to play especially in disciplining the conduct of the Indian capital market *vis-s-vis* the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) SEBI had framed Self Regulatory Organisation Regulations 2004 on February 19, 2004. Following announcement in Budget 2007-08 speech, SEBI had conducted discussion with various trade bodies/intermediaries' associations, to encourage the development of SROs in the Indian securities market.

(b) Not appliable in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) SROs are expected to play the role of first level regulators to enforce code of conduct for their members under the overall supervision of SEBI.

Future trading and its impact on price rise

†2363. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of consumer items of daily use are continuously rising;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that fsuture trading is also one of the main factors for price rise;

(d) whether Government is considering to impose a total ban on future trading of essential items; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) No, Sir, Annual inflation measured in terms of WPI of thirty essential commodities for 2007-08 is indicated in Table-I.

Table 1: Year-on-year composite monthly inflation in 30 essential commodities (%) (April 2007 to March 2008)

Year/Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2007-08	3.3	1.7	0.9	2.8	2.7	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.3	2.7	2.9	5.2

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An upward trend in some of the items of daily use, such as rice, wheat, tur and edible oils has mainly been on account of inadequate domestic availability relative to demand and increase in the international prices. Higher minimum support price may have also contributed to the price rise. In the context of discussions regarding whether and to what extent futures trading has contributed to price rise in agricultural commodities in recent times, the Government has set up an Expert Committee on March 2, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission to study, *inter alia,* the extent of impact, if any, of futures trading on wholesale and retail prices of agricultural commodities. The report is awaited. Futures contract, however, for tur, urad, wheat and rice already stand delisted.

Land blocked due to closure of industries

2364. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medium and large scale industries closed or under liquidation during last ten years;

(b) the total land area blocked in such closed/liquidated industries; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to have fast track mechanism to get such lands un-blocked for re-industrialisation purpose including SEZ?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) As per information available, 18 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) registered with Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) have been closed/under liquidation during last 10 years. Different agencies that are appointed as liquidators look into aspects relating to land area blocked in such closed/liquidated industries.

Loan outstanding against State Governments

2365. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have incurred outstanding amount of various nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the details of States that have incurred outstanding amount of nationalized banks, as on date, with due date and reasons therefor; and